

SOME TALES OF THE TOWN

Good Short Stories and Incidents Picked Up in Highways and Byways.

Governor Hovey's Weakness for Ties and Linen—Adventure with a Burglar—Alarm—Cultivated a Symphony—A Cake of Soap.

Governor Hovey had a few weaknesses as to his personal attire, as all men have who pretend to look clean and neat all the time. He was very particular as to his white neckties. He almost always wore the white string tie, and bought them in lots of twenty-five, or two boxes at a time. If a tie looked the least bit soiled or creased, or had even the appearance of being worn too long, whether any visible signs of service existed or not, it would come the tie and a new one would take its place. He kept a box of them in the top drawer of his desk at the State-house, and often he was seen standing up in front of the mirrored wardrobe, with his chin pointed skyward, putting on a fresh tie. He used to often call upon his messenger, Otto, to assist him. Otto, come here and see this infernal rag," he would say, or "Otto, back yourself up against that door and keep the visitors out until I get this tie on straight."

The late Governor was equally scrupulous about all his linen. His collars and shirt bosoms were immaculate, and his handkerchiefs were stiff from the laundry. On the latter there could always be detected a faint odor of perfume. Just a mere delicate suggestion, enough to render the aroma it gave delightful to the nostrils it penetrated. White rose was his favorite extract, and those who have sat beside him at his desk when he opened the top drawer may have chanced to see a small bottle lying in the corner. It has been said that the use of perfume was a weakness, but not so with men of the old school, so to speak. With them it is delicate, if not carried to excess.

An Indianapolis woman tells a singular story of a recent adventure with an electric bell.

"I went out in the North End," she said, "to call upon a friend of mine who had promised me a black kitten. Black cats are very stylish for literary folks just now, and I wanted to secure one. When the house was reached I touched the button of the electric door-bell and waited to be admitted. The bell went off with a terrific clatter, but nobody came. I waited a reasonable length of time for the bell to stop ringing, but it still kept on. People were passing, and they looked at me and looked at the door, of course, and I was hearing the racket, and so much noise and inspection embarrassed me. I went round the house, knocked at the side door and then at the kitchen-door, but could not arouse any one. The house was evidently without a soul. I waited a few minutes, and then I found the bell still ringing, and I was getting very impatient. I went round in front again, and found the bell still carrying on for dear life. People still passing, and everybody eying me as if I was to blame. Though I shook the door and rattled the button, the bell wouldn't listen to reason, but jingled away at a dreadful rate. I had half a mind to call the police or turn in a fire-alarm, but finally got out the gate and hurried down the street, feeling like a perfect fool and leaving the bell still clanging away like a demented thing. Of course, I could hardly sleep that night, for fear the bell would warm up the door and set my friend's house on fire; but she deserves something for letting those burglar-alarm on her unsuspecting friends, and I didn't get the black cat after all."

The other day a large wagon drawn by four horses and filled with a certain popular brand of soap went about the city. The soap was thrown a cake into each yard, as an advertisement, and the gift was generally received with favor. In one instance, however, this was not the case. Two families occupying a double house were on bad terms with each other. The mother of one family had forbidden her offspring to play with the children of the other side of the fence, and on two or three occasions in very high soprano had announced so that the housewife on the other side of the fence that her children "shouldn't associate with such a dirty set."

It was shortly after this that the soap-wagon came along. Soap was thrown into every yard, and the warring families each got a cake. When the woman who had been accused of a partiality for dirt saw the cake in her yard, she was furious with indignation, taking it as a matter of course that it had been thrown over by the neighbor to emphasize her opinion of a few days before.

"The mean thing!" she exclaimed with tears of rage rolling down her cheeks, and over the fence went the soap, back to the supposed giver. This time it was the neighborhood, and has occasioned great amusement.

A young lady on Clifford avenue, it seems, has developed for her dog that rare affection which exists in the native state only between a dog and his master. She is also well educated. The reason he is not now a telegraph operator is because of a habit he acquired several years ago of getting drunk once every year and keeping the fun up until the time the succeeding year with increasing fervor all the time. His predilection for "booze" got to be so enormous finally that he had degenerated to the point of being a barrel-house bum. All this time, however, he remembered his friends and went to them daily for money. Small sums satisfied his current wants, but the more extravagant sum ever demanded being "two bits," but his visits were entirely too frequent to be anything but annoying to his friends. Finally they got together and decided that it would be the better part of wisdom to make a drunkard of him and send him to Plainfield for treatment.

In a day or so after this philanthropic movement had been set on foot a purse of \$50 had been raised and a committee of two of the telegraph operator's godfathers was delegated to present the money to him and unfold the scheme for his everlasting cure. The committee performed its mission and proffered the money to the inebriate.

"Take your money and go plim!" was his unexpected reply. "I've been cultivating my appetite for liquor for thirteen years, and do you suppose I want to rain it now? Why, it's a regular symphony!"

If there is anything that strikes the eye, and strikes it hard, as looking very rusty and in poor taste, it is the way some of the Indianapolis housewives have of tying back their lace curtains with gaudy colored ribbon. There is a house on North Meridian street, and a large, handsome one too, that has eight long windows and a glass front door facing the street and two little windows in the wings on either side of the house, just a few feet back from its front line. Each of the ten windows and the glass door have curtains. Another house over on Delaware street about on a line with the Meridian-street millinery shop, has four windows and a glass door facing the street, and each of the curtains in them is held back by different colored ribbons. One pair has peacock blue, another golden-rod yellow, a third bright green and a fourth crimson, while the small curtains in the door are held apart by a canary yellow.

A North-side lady who professes that her name should not be used, has learned the truth of the statement that the Chinese are proverbial for doing just as they are told. A few months ago she sent an order with a design to China for a finely-decorated dinner set. In each piece the crest of the

family was to be in the center, and fearing a mistake might be made in the matter, she wrote beneath the crest in the design, "Be sure and put this in the center." Imagine the lady's surprise upon receiving the set a few days ago and unwrapping it to find that the Chinamen who decorated the ware had placed below the crest in each piece the words "Be sure and put this in the center."

On Monday afternoon, a short distance this side of Clermont, on the Peoria & Eastern road, the engineer of the passenger train due at Indianapolis at 5:30 P. M. noticed a man lying in the wet grass with a fireing out near by him. Supposing it was some one who had been hurt by a passing train, and probably killed, he brought his train to a stop, backed up a fourth of a mile and, with the conductor and brakemen, alighted to pick up the man and bring him into Indianapolis. As they went to lift him he remarked: "Excuse me, gentlemen, I have retired for the night and do not wish to be disturbed." much to the amusement of a few passengers who had accompanied the trainmen. They dropped their subject, boarded their train and ran on to Indianapolis, coming in seven minutes late.

A distinguished educational gentleman of this city, who is in the habit of taking his dinner down town, ordered a cup of coffee yesterday of the head waitress in a popular restaurant, and an attendant, who, contrary to the rule, brought the coffee to him with her own "lily white hand" and put the same, with a bewitching smile, near his plate. The unexpected courtesy so overwhelmed him, that when he recovered he found himself stirring his oyster soup with his forefinger.

Not long after Edward Hawkins was appointed president of the Board of Public Safety an incident occurred which one man will remember for a good many days. Clerk Steeg was administering the oath to a policeman and the latter failed to remove his hat. After the oath had been administered, President Hawkins said, calling the policeman by name:

"You will probably be called upon to give an oath many times in the discharge of your duty, and you must always have enough respect for the oath you take and the solemnity of the occasion to always remove your hat."

The newly-made officer felt the rebuke keenly, but made no reply.

A genuine Florida croaker was peddling oranges about the city last week, and his uncouth and inquisitorial and original conversation won him many admirers. To one lady who purchased his fruit he gave a brief but interesting dissertation on cremation.

"Sir," he said, "I don't believe in cremation. It's a shame to burn up anything that might do some good. When I'm laid out I want to be buried under my favorite orange tree, and you just bet I'll make 'er whoop."

HOW ABOUT CONSUMERS?

Contract with the Water Company Ready, but Its Provisions Kept Secret.

Yesterday morning the Board of Public Works sent a letter to the Board of Health stating that as the city is about to enter into a contract with the water company, it would like to know what the standard for the purity of water is and how it can be obtained. The Board of Health will furnish the information as soon as possible. A contract will be entered into with the water company in a few days. It is understood that the latter has agreed to lay 20,000 feet of mains each year, hydrants to be located every four feet, and that water is to be furnished the park fountains free. A few other minor changes will be made, but practically it will be an extension of the present contract without any changes in the rates to private consumers. The Board of Public Works is afraid to submit the readjustment of rates to a board of adjustment as provided for in the company's charter.

School of Music Recital.

The School of Music pupils' seventh fortnightly recital was given yesterday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, by Mr. Sprankle's pupils, and was very creditable. The following was the programme: Duet, by Krug, Lillian Despe and George Eckert; "First Violin," by Lange, Eva Renner; "Hollotone," by Lichten, Lenora Hayes; "Tulip Polka," by Lichten, Bessie Baker; "Heather Rose," by Lange, Ida Scott; "Fairy Dance," by Bohm, Florence Liebert; "Playfulness," by Von Wilm, George Eckert; "Waltz Des Fleurs," by Ludovic, Mabel Cook; "Morning Gleams," by Bohm, Ella Phillips; "Parade March," by Giese, Grace Hagerhorst; "March," by Spindler, Laura Fern; "Le Secret," by Gautier, Bernice Smith.

Progress Band Concert.

The Progress Military Band will give its second concert at Tomlinson Hall this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The first concert was very meritorious and those who attend this afternoon will no doubt be given a rare musical treat.

No Hotel in the Country.

Exceeds the cuisine of the Grand Hotel. The praise bestowed upon it is most noteworthy, in that it is being made by the traveling public who are the best class of judges, as they travel over the United States and visit all classes of hostilities in the different cities.

For family use drink John Kaufman's bottled beer, 30 South East street, of Edgemoor, J. W. LOEFLER, Manager.

BRECHMAN'S Pills are faithful friends.

Old Whiskies.

For elegant old whiskies go to Caspar Schmalholz, 29 South Meridian street. In stock sour mash, 1875; Malt, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 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